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DEFENCES OF THE PHILIPPINES.

GENERAL WOOD'S MISSION.

MANILA, May 25th.

The problem of the defence of the Philippines has aroused much speculation locally, especially since the arrival of the General Wood mission. The visit of General Wood to Fuzhou and the Batuan Islands, midway between Luzon and Formosa, is believed to have a bearing on the question, as the islands are thinly populated and of no economic or political importance.

In military and naval circles it is believed that the Philippines are sufficiently provided with coast defences to repel an invasion, although it is felt that a stronger mobile field force would be desirable to prevent landings at exposed localities along the coast. The results of the recent naval manoeuvres in Manila Bay, which were subsequently published in a local paper in Manila, seemed to establish the supremacy of the Corregidor defences in case of a sudden attack by destroyers.

AN INFORMAL PERUSITE.

The Wood-Forbes mission is making special efforts to learn the views of the "average" Filipino on the independence question and the efficiency of the present Government. Prearranged meetings, official speeches, and entertainments, have been dispensed with as far as possible, and the two principal members of the mission, as well as their subordinates, have adopted the plan of informal conference with private citizens in the small towns along their route.

One of the most promising signs of Filipino development, General Wood said, was the formation of women's clubs in the towns and villages. These institutions are devoted to child welfare, and according to the General, are doing much work of real value.

General Wood, at some points along his route, took an informal vote of the inhabitants on the independence question. Most of them favoured a protectorate, although a few desired immediate and absolute separation from the United States.

SOMETHING EVERYONE FORGETS.

The mission has been emphasizing the fact that independence means the withdrawal of American protection—a point of view which apparently was new to most of the provincial inhabitants.

Mr. Forbes, who began the campaign for good roads in the Philippines 25 years ago, when he was Secretary of Commerce here, has devoted much time on his trip to an inspection of their present condition. There was much feverish activity on the roads just before the arrival of the mission in Manila, some of them having been completely resurfaced. Mr. Forbes, however, has made numerous side-trips by motor, and has examined the highways which are off the main line from Manila to Baguio. The results of his investigation have not yet been made public.—*Center.*

A JAPANESE RAILWAY LOAN IN CHINA.

NO INTEREST FORTHCOMING.
DANGER OF THE LINE BECOMING JAPANESE PROPERTY.

NANCHANG, May 25th.

For the purpose of collecting interest on its loan to the Nanking-Kiukiang railway, the Japanese Industrial Development Corporation is sending a representative to Kiukiang who is expected here from Tokyo within a few days. The date fixed for the payment of this interest for 1921 is the end of May when the sum of \$250,000 must be paid by the railway administration. But owing to the forced retirement of its chief director, Mr. Li Sheng-tou, a leader of the fallen Anfu party in Kwangsi, the administration of the railway has gone from bad to worse, and at the present moment, there is practically no official who will accept responsibility for the management of the line. It is exceedingly doubtful whether money can be found to pay the Japanese lenders at the end of the month because the salaries of the railway officials and employees are several months in arrears.

In accordance with the loan agreement, the Japanese will be at liberty to appoint representatives to "watch" their interests in the traffic, accounts and engineering departments in case the railway may take it to assume full control of the line if the railway administration cannot repay its loan about eight million dollars, to the Industrial Development Corporation in May, 1922.

Financially, the people of Kiukiang and its Provincial Government are certainly not in a position to pay the interest at the end of this month nor to mention the total next May, so that unless the Peking Government can devise ways and means to preserve the line, it will surely fall into the hands of the Japanese lenders within the course of the next twelve months. As the Kiukiang-Nanchang railway must be extended to Fokien and Kwangtung before it can foot its own bills of administration, not to say pay any dividends to shareholders, the Japanese will surely demand the right of its extension to the two provinces after their taking over control of the line.

The situation was discussed by the members of the Kiukiang Provincial Assembly yesterday, because the future extension of the Kiukiang-Nanchang railway means the revival of the "Group V" demands presented to China by Japan in February, 1915, but the discussion was without result chiefly because there is no money to repay the lenders either by Kiukiang or by the Peking authorities. General Chen Kuang-yuan has wired to the Ministry of Communications asking it to discuss the matter with Mr. Ono, who is also representing the Japanese Industrial Development Corporation in the hope of finding a mutually satisfactory method to save the situation.—*Asia-Pacific News Agency.*

CHINA'S "CRITICAL FINANCIAL SITUATION."

MILITARY MANDARINS AND THEIR EXPENSES.

A BILL FOR THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS.

PEKING, May 25th.

It is expected that the construction of railway lines for the Chefoo-Velhsien and Shihchachung-Tsingchow railways will be suspended for the present because the money will be appropriated for meeting urgent military expenses of the three High Inspecting Commissioners Tsau Kun, Chang Tso-lin and Wong Chan-yuan, who will not and cannot, leave Peking for their respective posts until the demands for fund for each of them and their principal subordinates have been satisfied. They threaten to withdraw their support to the Central Government if satisfaction in this respect is not given.

In connection with the critical financial situation in the capital, it is significant to note that the Secretariat of the Cabinet has sent a circular despatch to the Ministries—Communications, Agriculture and Commerce, and Finance—inquiring whether there is still any substantial national asset which can be given for foreign loans. Although there is no special cause for alarm, the existing critical political and financial situation of the Government is causing uneasiness on the part of the Chinese people who are afraid of a revival of the Anfu loan policy, which will eventually lead to the restitution of the Anfu power and influence in Chinese politics in the not distant future. If so, the civil war fought between the Anfu forces and the Cuihli-Fengtien combination around Peking last year will prove to have been senseless and wasteful, and it will have cost the country the huge sum of thirty million dollars for nothing. According to the vernacular press, both Tsau Kun and Chang Tso-lin demanded the payment of their bills relating to the suppression of the Anfuites in June last year and the total amount of their bills is given as about thirty millions.—*Asiatic News Agency.*

THE CHANCELLORSHIP OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.

A CHANCELLOR IN POLICE CUSTODY.

The Asiatic News Agency states that since the apprehension of Mr. Yao Heng, there has been no responsible man to manage the affairs of the Chungyang Tachung, or Central University of Peking. A majority of the students held a special conference in the University recently and unanimously decided in favour of electing Mr. Liang Chi-chao, former Minister of Finance, to the post of Chancellor for the reorganization of the University.

The Court of Justice has refused and is still refusing to release Mr. Yao on the ground that he is alleged to have embezzled about one hundred thousand dollars public funds during the course of the past few years.

THE LIKIN NUISANCE.

ALTERCATIONS BETWEEN TRAIN POLICE AND TAX COLLECTORS.

The Canton Times says:—

Passengers on board a north-bound train of the Canton-Hankow Railway were subjected to considerable inconvenience and annoyance when the train arrived at Shichow and a likin collector boarded the train to examine the luggage and goods carried by passengers. The paying of a likin tax was required of the passengers on even very small articles. Resenting the officiousness of the likin collector, the train police, interfered which nearly resulted in a fight.

It is reported that the managing director of the railway having heard of similar cases of altercation between the train police and likin collectors and their frequency, has proposed to the provincial authorities to have all the likin stations under the control of the railway so that the likin tax can be collected by members of the railway, thereby removing the cause of trouble between the railway police and the likin collectors. At the same time if this proposal is accepted, passengers will not be subjected to any inconvenience by the presence of the likin collectors.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

KING'S DISTURBANCE PARADE.

The Corps will parade at Headquarters on Friday, 3rd June, at 8.35 a.m. Dress: Review Order, i.e., Drill, Khaki, 1. Trousers, Helmets, Rifles, Belts, and Side-arms.

Scottish Company wear Helmets, not Kilmorack Caps.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt. Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hongkong, June 2nd, 1921.

MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE

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Hongkong, May 19th 1921.—[371]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 6th June, 1921, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 6th June, 1921, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Agents.

Hongkong, May 30th, 1921. [1000]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "AQUILEIA"

From TRIESTE, via VENICE, BRINDISI and SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 30th May.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th June, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th June, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th June, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, May 30th, 1921. [1001]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer:

"PLASSY"

Arrived Hongkong, on May 30th, 1921.

From ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSAILLES, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 10 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 31st, 1921. [1007]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD.

From JAPAN.

THE Steamship

"SAMARANG MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 6th June, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 10 a.m. on the 7th June. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, May 31st, 1921. [1008]

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COMPANY MEETING.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

The 23rd annual meeting of this Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday, at noon. Mr. D. C. M. Bernard (Chairman) presided and there were also present: Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Directors), Mr. W. S. Brown (Secretary) and Messrs. J. Hooper, E. Suddick, Ho Leung and S. M. Churn (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen: The report and accounts having been in your hands for several days, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. You will notice from the accounts that the net earnings of our boats amounted to \$12,657.70 more than last year. This is almost entirely due to increases in the 1st and 2nd class traffic earnings other than season tickets; the earnings from the latter source are practically the same as last year. In this connection, I submit for your information, the relative percentages of earnings during the year from each class of passengers. They are:—

	Per Cent.
1st Class Passengers	31
2nd	22
3rd	23
Season Ticket Holders	20.5
Mailway Passengers	7
Cargo and Sundries	4

Acting on the advice of our auditor, we have written up our share investments to their market value on 30th April this year and, transferred the difference \$22,050 to the credit of share fluctuation account. Owing to the considerable sums transferred to this account in past years to cover depreciation in value of our investments, the amount at credit of same has become unnecessarily large, and we have therefore transferred therefrom to the credit of profit and loss account, the sum of \$38,715, leaving a balance of \$30,000, which is more than sufficient to meet future contingencies.

The larger revenue derived from interest during the year further increases the amount available for distribution, and your Directors therefore recommend that the bonus from interest account be increased to 60 cents per share and, in view of the desirability of building up a reserve fund, that the sum of \$100,000 be allocated for that purpose. I have nothing further to say in regard to the accounts and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. After they have been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

Hon. Sir C. P. Chater seconded and the report and accounts were approved.

The appointment of Mr. D. C. M. Bernard as director was confirmed, on the proposition of Mr. Ho Leung seconded by Mr. SADDICK.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang proposed the re-election of Sir C. P. Chater as director. Mr. J. Hooper seconded and it was agreed to.

Mr. F. Maitland was re-elected auditor on the motion of Mr. Ho Leung seconded by Mr. SADDICK.

COMPANY REPORTS.

SHANGHAI MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

The annual report of the directors of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., for the year ending March 31st last, states:—

The net increase of telephone lines installed by the company during the year amounts to 1,750 and the net increase in instruments during the same period amounts to 2,430. The number of telephones in use at the end of the year was 12,922 as compared with 10,502 at the end of last year.

The amount available for appropriation is Tls. 252,437.74 which it is proposed to distribute as follows:—

	Tls.
To shareholders, Tls. 4 per share	50,000.00
To shareholders, bonus, Tls. 2 per share	40,000.00
To directors' fees	5,000.00
To reserve account	60,000.00
To debenture sinking fund	18,750.91
To bonus to foreign staff, 20 per cent. on salaries	24,932.22
	228,689.13
To carry forward to next year's account	23,748.61
	Tls. 252,437.74

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

At a meeting of the directors of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., held at Shanghai the following recommendations were made for submission at the forthcoming annual general meeting:—

Final dividend of 15 per cent. for the year 1920.
Interim dividend of 15 per cent. for the year 1920.
Bonus to contributors of 20 per cent. for the year 1920.
Exchange was fixed at 3/24.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

TOMORROW'S MILITARY PARADE.

The King's Birthday Parade takes place, tomorrow, on the Hongkong Cricket ground, all troops to be in position at 9 a.m. The following units will be represented:—

	Rank and File.
Royal Navy	150
Royal Artillery	50
Royal Engineers	50
3rd Wilt. Regt.	200
Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps	50
H.K.S. Royal Garrison Artillery	100
2/22nd Punjab	150

H.E. the Governor will be present and will inspect the troops. A Royal Salute will be fired from the Murray Parade Ground by the H.K.S. R.G.A. and a *feu de joie* will be fired by the troops. Then the troops will march past H.E. the Governor.

MORTUARY ATTENDANT A "BUTCHER."

THE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY AGAIN.

The summons against a Chinese for failing to notify a case of small-pox, in a house of which he was the principal tenant, again came before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Magistracy, yesterday. The case had been adjourned because the Magistrate required definite proof that the body removed from the house was the one received at the mortuary and found there to be a small-pox case.

To establish the connecting-link a Chinese mortuary attendant was called. He described himself as a "butcher." The interpreter explained to the Magistrate that the word the man used in describing his occupation was the same as the Chinese word for a worker in a slaughter house. In reply to further questions, the man gave the impression whether he meant to do so or not—that he did some of the preliminary work of preparing bodies for post mortem examinations.

The defendant was fined \$25, and the Magistrate impressed upon him the importance, in the interests of public health, of taking steps to prevent the spread of contagious disease.

THE INTERPORT CRICKET MATCH.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

The following is a complete list of the batting and bowling averages of the Interport Cricket Match, at Shanghai (as given in the *Shanghai Mercury*):—

SHANGHAI.

	BATTING.	BOWLING.
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett	105	165
H. B. Ollerodsen	105	63
H. E. Muriel	40	40
J. A. Quayle	28	38
D. W. Leach	24	24
C. H. Bhoora	15	15
H. W. Allison	10	10
S. J. Doeks	9	9
Dr. W. E. O'Hara	5	5
W. N. Hansell	1	1
F. L. Wainwright	0	0

HONGKONG.

	BATTING.	BOWLING.
Dr. W. E. O'Hara	12	83
H. W. Allison	24	6
J. A. Quayle	2	11
C. H. Bhoora	3	10
D. W. Leach	18	42
W. N. Hansell	2	10
F. L. Wainwright	15	1

HONGKONG.

	BATTING.	BOWLING.
A. A. Runjahn	35	40
U. R. Sayer	31	40
Mr. I. B. Franks	25	40
Major H. G. Bagnall	25	31
Capt. P. H. Davies	5	14
F. O. De Rome	13	13
F. H. Farthing	9	9
Capt. C. O. Olliver	2	3
R. E. A. Webster	2	5
C. I. Stapleton	2	5
E. B. Reed	2	5

HONGKONG.

	BATTING.	BOWLING.
Capt. P. H. Davies	32	2
E. B. Reed	22	5
R. E. A. Webster	12	2
F. H. Farthing	13	4
G. R. Sayer	4	0

Writing in a home paper a correspondent says:—I know of no single thing that can be reckoned as a "chance" in the running of hotels that is not lower than 12 months ago. The average saving must be anything above 10 per cent., yet in no case have I heard of lower prices, and in very few is there the least improvement in the tariff.

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

FLATTERING THE "PRETTY LADY" AND THE CONSEQUENCES.

A case which promised to have provided a little human interest, if considerations of the dignity of legal administration had not intervened, came before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy yesterday. All the boating population of Lyceum seemed to have taken the day off to listen to the proceedings, and the people were not as stolid as a Chinese audience in the police court usually is, for they smiled at various tit-bits of evidence and seemed keenly interested.

The case was one of assault. Two men alleged that they were carrying a rock slung from a bamboo when they were set upon by several men who wounded them with hammers.

That was all in evidence in chief—and they were asked, reasonably enough, by the solicitor for the defence (Mr. Hind), if they could give any reason for the assault. "No," they stolidly declared, "they could not." It came to them, apparently, as a bolt from the blue.

"Don't tell such lies," said the Magistrate. "I shall not listen to you if you do not tell the truth. People don't go hammering one another's heads for no reason."

Judging from the smiles at the back of the Court, Mr. Hind was "getting warm," as the children say, when he inquired of Ko Tam (one of the complainants) "Was it not what you said of the first defendant's wife that started the row? Did you not say, 'You are so pretty that you need not be carrying stones?'"

The witness denied that he had resorted to these blandishments of the seducer, whispered into the ear of woman of every clime from time immemorial.

Ko Tam, in his colloquy with his fair companion at the bamboo pole, according to Mr. Hind, soon dropped all disguise and stood revealed as a villain. Did he not whisper to the lady, "If you have no money, I will give you some?"

Ko Tam denied this, and he denied, also, that the lady complained to her husband and that the hammering was the consequence.

The Magistrate (to Mr. Longinotto, who represented the complainants): "You don't expect me to go on listening to evidence of this sort?"

Mr. Longinotto: "Don't you believe in your worship?"

The Magistrate: "It is all nonsense."

Mr. Longinotto: "At all events, the complainants are injured and the defendants have not a scratch between them."

The Magistrate: "If they can't tell me the truth I am not going to convict. The two principal witnesses in support of the complaint are both lying and I don't think it is worth going on. There is no real evidence against the second and third defendants. I shall discharge them, and bind the first defendant and the two complainants over in a personal bond of \$100 each to keep the peace. The complainants accordingly lined up with the remaining defendant in front of the dock while these mysteries were performed and the reporters, who were just beginning to enjoy themselves, went away sorrowful."

"PEACEFUL CITIZEN'S"

DAGGER.

UNFAVOURABLY REGARDED BY AUTHORITY.

A Chinese was charged yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell with the possession of a dagger, for an unlawful purpose, on McDonnell Road the previous evening.

The defendant: "I am a peaceful citizen, and have been a hawker for 13 years. I carry the dagger for self-protection against highway robbers. I pass that way every evening with my day's takings on me."

Inspector McDonald, who prosecuted, confirmed the defendant's statement that he was a hawker, and said that he had been taken to see the Captain-Superintendent of Police, who did not wish to press the charge.

The Magistrate (to defendant): "If you are afraid of robbers, carry a stout stick. This sort of weapon is very dangerous. I will confiscate the dagger and discharge you with a caution. Don't buy another one."

KWANTUNG AND KOREA.

"UNIFICATION OF MANCHURIA AND KOREA."

MUKDEN, May 21st.
Advices from Tokyo indicate that during the Colonial Conference, the question of the amalgamation of the administration of Korea and Kwantung will be discussed. The Japanese call this proposed amalgamation the "Unification of Korea and Manchuria," though the word, Kwantung, merely implies the small tract of territory which reverted to Japan from Russia after the Russo-Japanese War, and it does not mean the whole of Manchuria. But still the Chinese have been stirred up by the Japanese use of the term "the unification of Korea and Manchuria." The Japanese contemplate placing Kwantung under the Korean Governor-General—*Asiatic News Agency*.

DEATH SENTENCES ON 25

ROBBERS.

A TRAGIC DAY AT SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.

May 25th was a tragic day at the Mixed Court, at Shanghai, no fewer than 25 men being sentenced to be sent to the Arsenal for execution on account of a long series of armed robberies, but this means, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that two of the most dangerous gangs in the Settlement have been broken up—the one involved in the Pakhoi Road battle and the other the one which has for such a long while been terrorizing the Yangtze-poo district. The men of this latter gang, though never hesitating at violence, have seldom been known to carry firearms, working usually with iron bars and knives, but their robberies were of almost daily occurrence. They have been captured in ones and twos.

In one case in which 20 men were charged the charge-sheet was endorsed: "The Court wishes to put on record its very high appreciation of the manner in which what must have been a most difficult, complicated and dangerous task has been accomplished by the officer in charge, Detective-Sergeant Gabbutt."

In another case, the Assessor said: "The Court cannot express too highly its appreciation of the services rendered to the community by Detective-Sub-inspectors Prince and Prosser and their respective staffs."

RAINFALL IN MAY.

The total rainfall at the Royal Observatory in May was 33.78 inches, the greatest on record for May except in 1889, when the total fall was 43.84 inches, of which 33.100 inches fell between 6.30 a.m. on May 29th and 3.30 p.m. on May 30th.

The greatest fall in one civil day was 20.45 inches on May 30th, 1889, and the greatest hourly fall 3.400 inches at 4 a.m. on May 30th. The corresponding figures for 1921 were 3.915 inches on May 24th and 3.250 inches at 2 p.m. on May 31st.

In June, 1892, the rainfall was 34.375 inches. This is the only other occasion on which the total for May, 1921, has been exceeded.

The maximum rainfall recorded in July is 20.07 inches, in August 30.03 inches, and in September 30.60 inches.

Normally, June is the wettest month of the year with an average of 18 inches; July and August have 14 inches, and May 12 inches.

The total rainfall at Taipei in May, 1921, was 35.49 inches, at the Botanic Gardens 34.50 inches, and at the Matilda Hospital 29.87 inches.

Some 20,000 ancient Chinese coins, valued at ¥300,000 according to the present market price, have been unearthed in the precincts of a shrine at a village, named Moro, in Sawa district of Gumma Prefecture, Japan. The shrine authorities engaged some coolies to dig out a big sacred tree which had perished in the precincts, and beneath the tree was found a large jar containing ancient Chinese coins said to be 1,300 years old. The discovery was at once reported to the local authorities.

Yokohama papers report the sudden death of Mr. Paul Adolph Frei, who had been a resident of the port for about twelve years. He expired as he was walking up the slope at the back of Camp Hill. It appears Mr. Frei saw service with the French Army in Tonkin some years ago, and during fighting there received a bullet wound beyond the heart. He always feared that this would ultimately lead to sudden death. Mr. Frei, who was fifty years of age, came to Japan about fourteen years ago, and before joining Witkowski & Co., in Yokohama, was with the firm in Kobe for two years. Deceased leaves a widow and a son about twenty years of age.

The administration of the former German Concessions in Tientsin and Hankow has always been the subject of very harsh criticism on the part of the foreigners in China, while, in the eyes of the Chinese it has been exemplary. A Chinese news agency while reporting on the subject expresses surprise that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the request that a thorough change be made as soon as possible. Discussions are now going on in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regard to certain revisions and alterations to be made in the regulations governing the control of the former German Concessions.

In addition to his political and military activities, General Chang Hsun, the ring-leader of the Chinese and Manchurian Monarchists (whose appointment to the post of High Inspecting Commissioner for Jehol, Shaiyuan and Chahar special administrative areas is expected to be promulgated shortly on the strong recommendation of Marshal Chang Tso-lin) has taken over the management of the Sino-Italian Industrial Bank and changed the name to "Chen-Yi-Ying-Hong." The Bank is to have a capital of five million dollars. The headquarters of this new Sino-Italian bank are located in the Cully Chambers, within the Legation Quarters, and it has been officially registered in the Ministry of Finance, the Currency Bureau and the Italian Consulate. The Sino-French Chen-Yeh Industrial Bank also has its head office in the Cully Chambers.

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have pleasure in announcing that they are now in a position to

REDUCE

the following lines in their May Price List.

	May Price List	New Price
Pineapple Brand Bacon	\$1.40 per lb.	\$1.10 per lb.
" " Hams	\$1.50 " "	\$1.30 " "
" " Half Hams	\$1.70 " "	\$1.40 " "
American Blanchard Cheese	\$1.20 " "	90 " "
Australian Pure Creamery Butter	\$1.20 per 1 lb. tin	\$1.00 " "
" " " "		75c. per 12 oz. tin.
Kellogg's Toasted Cornflakes		40c. per pkt.

Other reductions will follow as soon as circumstances permit.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE, the KING'S BIRTHDAY, all Departments will be open for business until 1 p.m.
This Hongkong Dispensary will be open for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions until 7.30 p.m.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, June 1st, 1921.

NOTICE.

THE GOVERNMENT BATHING BEACH at Stonecutters' Island will be open for bathing from FRIDAY, June 3rd, to SATURDAY, June 4th, 1921. By arrangement with the Kowloon Ferry Co., a launch to carry bathers will leave the Pier at the end of Jordan Road, Kowloon, daily at 4.45 and 5.45 p.m., returning from Stonecutters' Island at about 5.15, 6.15 & 7 p.m. The fare for each passenger will be Ten Cents to Stonecutters' and back.
A charge of Ten Cents will be made for the use of the Beach.

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HONGKONG HOTEL GARAGE.

REVISED CHARGES FOR LIVERY SERVICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the increased cost of Motor Spirit, etc., we beg to announce the following Reductions in charges for Car Hire, as from the 1st June, 1921:—

OLD RATE	NEW RATE
Large Car \$3 per hour	Large Car \$7 per hour
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Small Car \$2 per hour	Small Car \$5 per hour
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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD., will be held at the Company's Office No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of June, 1921, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the following Resolutions will be proposed:—

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased to Ten Million Dollars by the creation of 20,000 shares of \$100 each divided into 20,000 ordinary shares of \$100 each and 20,000 preference shares of \$100 each the ordinary shares ranking pari passu as from the date of allotment (proportion of interest and dividend in respect of the same for the Financial Year being calculated and payable from the date of allotment only) with the existing ordinary shares in the Company and the Founder shares ranking pari passu as from the date of allotment (proportion of interest and dividend in respect of the same for the Financial Year being calculated and payable from the date of allotment only) with the existing Founder shares in the Company.

2. That the Agreement dated the 31st day of May, 1921, made between Kuo Chin Nam of the first part, Fung Ping Shan of the second part, Peter Kingdon Kwok, of the third part, Ng Chang Lok of the fourth part and Hengsh Tai of the fifth part, Fong Yai Tin, Li Tse Fong, Chan Ching Shik, Ka Tong Po, Chow Shou Shun, Kan Ying Po, Li Kwoi Chun, Wong Yung Tong and Mok Ching Kong of the sixth part and The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., of the seventh part be and the same is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed and the Directors be and are authorized to dispose of the 5 new Founder Shares and the 12,500 new ordinary shares in the said Agreement.

3. That out of the remaining 67,495 new ordinary shares, the Directors be and are hereby authorized to dispose of 17,495 shares at such times or times to such persons or persons and upon such terms as the Directors may think fit.

4. That should the Directors in their absolute discretion be of the opinion that the financial position of the Company shall warrant it the Directors be and are authorized on the 30th day of June, 1921, to place a sum of \$500,000 out of the profits of the Company to the Reserve Fund and thereby increasing the Reserve Fund to \$1,000,000 and at such time as the Directors shall deem advisable to capitalize the same and declare a bonus of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company at present issued and to satisfy such bonus by distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the present issue of \$100 shares in the Company on a date to be hereafter settled by the Directors of the new ordinary \$100 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up (being part of the aforesaid 17,495 new ordinary shares) in respect of every two shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such aforesaid bonus.

Dated this 1st day of June, 1921.
By Order of the Board.

K. FONG PO, Chief Manager.

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"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENGLOE"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered, after the 8th June, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th June, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th June, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, June 1st, 1921.

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INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, the 3rd JUNE, 1921. Hongkong, May 30th, 1921.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

THIS DEPARTMENT will be Open for payment of Licenses only from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, on FRIDAY, the 3rd JUNE, 1921. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely Closed on that day.

N. L. SMITH, Superintendent,
Imports and Exports,
Hongkong, May 30th, 1921.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE EASTERN ASBESTOS CO., have This Day REMOVED their Offices to No. 1, PRINCE'S BUILDING, 1st floor.
BRADLEY & CO., LTD., General Manager.
Hongkong, May 28th, 1921.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. have this day taken over the AGENCY INCANTON of "The Hongkong Daily Press" and "The Director and Chronicle of China, JAPAN, etc."
HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, LTD.
Hongkong, June 1st, 1921.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GARAGE.

WE have This Day OPENED a GARAGE at No. 30, PRINCE'S EAST, Wanchai. Cars will be available for Hire at Moderate Rates during hours when cars are permitted to run, and at other times in emergency with Police permission. Telephone 2603.

THE HONGKONG GARAGE.
Hongkong, June 1st, 1921.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at the HAPPY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, commencing at 3.30 p.m.
The Charge for Admission will be 1s for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-price. The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.
Hongkong, May 30th, 1921.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. E. J. CHAPMAN has been appointed SECRETARY to the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Applications for Membership should be addressed to
THE SECRETARY.
Hongkong, May 30th, 1921.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF Members will be held in the Offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th, at 12 o'clock Noon.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, May 30th, 1921.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Manager, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., 15th JUNE, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 29th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Manager.
Hongkong, May 29th, 1921.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

CERTIFICATE No. 4373 for 13 old silver shares, Nos. 14557/68 now converted into 60 Gold Shares in this Society standing in the name of Rev. WILLIAM ROBERTS BEACH (Deceased), late of READING, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming, the same will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a Certificate for the 60 Gold Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 24th, 1921.

NOTICE.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

21, PRINCE EAST, HONGKONG.

FOR the use of all Men of the Maritime Marine and H.M. Navy.
Reading and Writing Rooms, Billiard Room, Officers' Room, C.P.O.'s Room, Restaurant, Concert Hall, Church.
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INTIMATIONS

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Payment of Interim Dividend on Shares for the year ending 30th June, 1921.

THE BOARD have declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two shillings per share free of Income Tax for the year ending 30th June, 1921, holders of Bearer Shares and holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their dividends on presenting No. 17 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, on or after the 23rd May, 1921, to either of the following Banks at Shanghai or Tientsin:—
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.
THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
THE BANQUE BRITANNE D'ETRANGER.
The Payments will be made in either Dollars or Tientsin, the holder may wish at the buying rate of exchange of the day.
GENERAL MANAGERS.
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.

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DERBY DAY: EXCITING FINISH OF RACE: REMARKABLE TREK OF TRIPPERS. ANTI-DUMPING DEBATE: SCENE IN PARLIAMENT.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DERBY TREK. ALL ROADS LEAD TO EPSOM DOWNS. STRIKING SCENES.

London, June 1st.
There has been since midnight what certainly constitutes the most remarkable trek ever seen in Britain. All roads to-day lead to Epsom Downs. Despite a trainless Derby, a multitude is flocking to Epsom, and the gathering is said to be greater than ever. Thousands of pedestrians in groups of three to parties of a dozen tramped the whole night in fine weather. In the early hours an army of cyclists appeared on the roads, followed at breakfast-time by thousands of omnibuses and char-a-bancs crowded with light-headed trippers, which were soon reinforced by private cars in such numbers as to occasion an inquiry where they all came from. Converted ambulances, brewers' drays, dog-carts, decorated drakes, the inevitable donkey-carts and ancient barouches added to the picturesque of the scenes.

CONTROLLING TRAFFIC FROM AIR BY
WIRELESS.

Everybody was in the cheeriest of spirits. The sights were an extraordinary psychological commentary on the country's strike troubles and trade upheaval. At 6.30 in the morning the airship, *Red Bull*, from Popham, to control the traffic from the air, for the first time in the history of the Derby, by wireless telegraphy with a Scotland Yard official aboard. The first wireless message reported a serious traffic jam near Ewell. Immediately a message was sent to the ground station at Epsom requesting the police to divert the traffic.

DERBY WON BY HUMORIST.

The following is the result of the Derby:—

Humorist (Donoghue)	1
Craig-an-Eran (Brennan)	2
Lesmora (Childs)	3

THE BETTING.

The betting in the Derby was as follows: 6 to 1 against Humorist; 5 to 1 against Craig-an-Eran; 9 to 1 against Lesmora.

THE RACE.

Twenty-three ran.
A neck divided Humorist and Craig-an-Eran; three lengths between Craig-an-Eran and Lesmora.

COMPLETE LIST OF STARTERS.

The following is the complete list of starters:—

Starter	Jockey
Bright Orb	Burns
Glendora	Carlake
Goldendale	F. Bullock
Craig-an-Eran	Brennan
Goldfinder	Gardner
Brinklow	Jellies
Lesmora	Lane
Humorist	Cooper
Le Traquet	Garnier
Humorist	Donoghue
On Prince	Wahley
Heuregard	Stridom
Grante	Whalley
Prize of Ulster	Barnett
Pucea Sari	Winter
Alan Bree	A. Balding
Eagle Hawk	F. Leach
Westward Ho	A. Smith
Highlander	Hulme
Lesmora	Childs
Leighton	Henry
Granelly	V. Smyth
Bohemian	O'Neil

The following probable starters had been scratched:—
Golden Myth, Polynestor, Polemarch, Franklin, Aliados, Hill Country, Plato, Yellow Dwarf, Sunblaze, Blue Cloud, Syrian Prince, Sirrah.

EARLIER CABLES.

London, May 31st.
The following alterations in the names of the jockeys of the Derby, probables have occurred: Bright Orb (Burns), Glendora (Carlake), Goldendale (Bullock), and Craig-an-Eran (Brennan). Goldfinder (Gardner) and Brinklow (Jellies) are also starters. Polynestor, Polemarch, Franklin, Golden Myth and Aliados have been scratched.

LATEST CABLES.

MINERS' STRIKE.

PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

London, June 1st.
While the miners' district councils are still passing resolutions against the Government's latest offer, there are unmistakable signs that the end of the struggle is approaching.

The removal of the railwaymen's and transport workers' embargo on imported coal is regarded as a surrender to the force of circumstances. They have seen that no difficulty has been experienced in obtaining necessary labour in connection with the removal of the coal. But a more portentous sign, which the leaders have not been slow to appreciate, has been the use of oil for power by many industries. Two great railway companies recently extended their services considerably by oil-driven locomotives, while the renewal of a full tramway service at the traditional coal centre, Newcastle, by an oil installation has rudely awakened miners to facts at their very doors.

The coal-owners do not reply to Mr. Frank Hodges' peace demarche, cabled last night, until after the forthcoming meeting in London, but the general feeling in unpartisan quarters is that things are shaping towards a settlement, and that the men will resume work before the middle of the month.

EARLIER CABLES.

REMOVAL OF COAL EMBARGO.

London, May 31st.
The Railwaymen's and the Transport Workers' Unions have totally removed the embargo on the conveyance of coal, which can now be handled for all purposes.

MR. HODGES RECOMMENDS DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

London, May 31st.
The Nottinghamshire and Forest of Dean miners have rejected the Government's proposals for a coal settlement, but it is noteworthy that the votes were taken on the assumption by the miners that the Premier intended to enforce arbitration. Mr. Lloyd George's denial of this intention yesterday has altered the situation.

Mr. Hodges, interviewed, declared that the wages question should be settled by the owners and workers mutually, without invoking outside intervention. The gap dividing the parties could be considerably narrowed if the owners were now prepared to submit proposals for a higher standard wage than already proposed. Mr. Hodges' statement is regarded as a small advance towards peace.

EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY POWERS.

London, May 31st.
A Proclamation issued tonight extends the powers already taken by the Government under the Emergency Powers Act, empowering the Government, *inter alia*, to take possession of gas, electricity, water and other works; to requisition food, material, ships, cargo and passenger accommodation; to take possession of coal mines, stocks of coal, and vehicles used in the distribution of coal; to fix the prices of coal, gas, and electricity; and to requisition or control the sale of motor spirit.

TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS.

Leipzig, May 31st.
The third trial, that of Robert Neumann, sentry at the working camp attacked to the chemical factory at Pommernsdorf, near Stettin, opened to-day. Neumann is charged with ill-treatment of prisoners. The real culprit, Sergeant Major Trinke, has disappeared. He is believed to be in Poland. Trinke, specially selected Neumann to execute his orders. PROSECUTION ABANDONED.

Berlin, May 31st.

It is announced that the prosecution at Leipzig of Karl Neumann, submarine commander, charged with sinking the hospital ship *Dover Castle*, has been abandoned, as the preliminary examination established his complete innocence.

THE SILESIAN IMBROGLIO. POSITION OF BRITISH TROOPS.

London, May 31st.

Some anxiety is felt regarding the position of British troops arriving in Upper Silesia, as the Polish insurgents are apparently established in occupation with French connivance, and though the Germans are exhorted to hold their hand, there is a danger of German-Polish incidents, by which the British may be forced to abandon a passive attitude. The openly expressed anxiety of the Germans to help the British, if the latter fail to restore order in the disputed area would cause a dangerous situation, affecting the Entente.

In the meanwhile the meeting of the Supreme Council has been indefinitely postponed, and the French Press is urging M. Briand not to yield to the Allies.

The exchange of Notes between London and Paris continues. A French Note of yesterday expresses the opinion that an immediate meeting of the Supreme Council is undesirable, also difficult, with both M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George absorbed in domestic politics, and recommends that a committee of experts go to Upper Silesia immediately to prepare a report on partition, and that Berlin and Warsaw in the meanwhile be vigorously enjoined to restore order.

REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS

U.S. REPORTED TO HAVE MADE OVERTURES.

Washington, May 31st.

High official quarters state that the Government has already put out informal "feelers" for the purpose of sounding foreign Governments in regard to the conclusion of an international agreement for reduction of armaments. It is believed that the Government hopes to induce one of the Powers to bring the matter before the Supreme Council, on which America is not represented.

COUNTY CRICKET.

London, May 31st.

Gloucester beat Essex by 60 runs.
Middlesex beat Somerset by 8 wickets.

Warwick beat Worcester by 4 wickets.

Leicester beat Glamorgan by 21 runs.

Surrey and Sussex played a draw.

Yorkshire beat Hampshire by 6 wickets.

BOXING CONTESTS.

London, June 1st.

At the Albert Hall, last night, in a twenty-round contest for the middle-weight championship of Europe, Johnny Basham (Wales) won on points from Gus Platte (Sheffield), the holder.

In a twenty-round heavy-weight contest George Cook (Australia) won on points from Frank Goddard (England).

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE DJAMBH OILFIELD.

Washington, May 31st.

The American Note, responding to the Dutch reply, takes exception to the Netherlands' assertion that the United States' protest in regard to the Djambi oil fields was entered too late to effect the operation of policy.

AGAINST ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

New York, June 1st.

In view of the determined efforts in certain Senatorial quarters in Washington to arouse a feeling against the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, significance attaches to a leader in the *San Francisco Chronicle* declaring that Americans, generally, regard the treaty as one of their business.

It is the psychological atmosphere of the home and the school which is the foundation of success in after-life far more than any scholarship.—*Sir Maurice Craig*.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE BREAK UP OF THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

DRAMATIC ENDING TO THREAT AGAINST THE NATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, April 1st.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE FIASCO.

Following the break up of the Triple Alliance, the general feeling is something like that of a man who draws a long breath on finding himself suddenly pulled back from the brink of a precipice. It is the natural feeling of intense relief at unexpected escape from dire peril. The Triple Alliance strike, which meant plunging the country into chaos, was timed to begin at 10 p.m., and at 4 p.m., being six hours previously, the leaders of the railwaymen and the transport workers, the two partners with the miners in the Alliance, declared that the strike was "off" as far as they were concerned. By this narrow margin of time a disaster which meant the dislocation of essential public services, including the distribution of food supplies, was avoided.

The Triple Alliance has collapsed, and it may be that it will never revive, at all events in its present form, as a menace to the life and liberties of the community. Meanwhile, the miners are declaring their determination to continue their fight alone; but, although they may hold out for weeks yet, nobody doubts that their ultimate defeat on the main issue they have raised, the nationalisation of the mines, is certain.

AN ATTACK ON THE NATION.

The collapse of the Triple Alliance strike marks the biggest set-back ever experienced in the history of organised labour struggles in this country. The Alliance between the miners, railwaymen, and transport workers came into being ten years ago when there was a good deal of advocacy among the working-classes in favour of Syndicalism as a means of enforcing the claim of wage-earners to a larger share in the profits of industry. Since then the threat of combined action by these three great Trades Unions has been frequently used. It was undoubtedly a powerful argument in any dispute over rates of pay and other conditions of employment. But the real power of such a combination lies in the moral effect of the threat itself, and not in its practical application.

From the nature of the case it is evident that this is a basic principle. While it is certain that everything possible will be done in order to avert a national strike because of the inconvenience, financial loss, and danger to the whole community, as soon as the threat is put into force all sections of the community outside the Alliance are driven to unite to defeat the attack. The primitive instinct of self-defence immediately comes into play; and in that case, obviously, the whole nation must be stronger than any section.

THE PLAY OF FORCES.

The Triple Alliance wire pullers were aware of this, but they "banked" on the Government representing the country yielding in a moment of panic and giving them what they demanded. For a week before the dramatic collapse of the combination the railwaymen and transport workers brought strong pressure to bear on their partners from the coal-fields to concede something which might form a basis of settlement, or at least of discussion; after the preliminary breakdown of the negotiations, but it was unsuccessful. The miners could concede nothing. They remained adamant. They refused to talk about wages. Before they would consider terms under which they demanded that their original claim should be admitted, a National Wages Pool out of which the poor or non-paying mines would be financed by the richer or better managed mines, and thereby ensure a national scale of wages.

This was a deadlock indeed. But it was pre-eminently illogical that from a dispute ostensibly to settle wages, the question of wages was ruled out till something quite separate was decided. Of course, the truth was that the miners' claim about the Pool was political, leading to a continuance of State control of the industry and involving a State subsidy while the wages question was entirely economic. It was a question of how much in wages the coal-owners could afford to pay.

LOOPOLE OF ESCAPE.

What impressed the allies of the miners was that in the event of a general strike being called there were vast numbers of the railwaymen and transport workers who would decline to respond. I am assured that not more than 40 per cent. of the railwaymen, and only about 50 per cent. of the transport workers would have obeyed the call of their respective leaders. Knowing this, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Gosling, for the two Unions in question, eagerly sought for a pretext to break away if they decently could do so without appearing to betray their friends, the miners. And at the last moment the loophole of escape was provided by the miners themselves.

As I have previously pointed out, the miners refused even to discuss wages until their first point about a Pool being established for the maintenance of a minimum wage scale was conceded. In this they blundered badly, because they had a strong human case—that it was the issue as regards wages—that it was to accept a drop of nearly 50 per cent. in wages at one fell swoop, as it were. However, they ruled wages out altogether. Then a strange thing happened.

At the request of a large number of Members of Parliament, men composing the rank and file, the coal-owners were invited to state their case at the House of Commons, and a meeting was held in one of the Committee rooms. It is said that the owners did not make a very good impression; they put their case in a ragged and unconvincing way. Then, in order to hear the other side, Mr. Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners' Federation, who chanced to be in the precincts of the House, was asked to state the case for the men.

THE MINERS' SECRETARY.

This meeting was hurriedly called, and took place at half-past-nine at night. Of the two hundred members who flocked to the Committee room to hear the Miners' secretary, probably not one had the least notion that the door was being opened to new developments. They were attracted as much as anything else by curiosity to see and hear one of the men who had been playing so prominent a part in the industrial disturbance. They were not disappointed.

They found a pleasant-looking, well-spoken, fluent and polished young man in the early thirties, who put his points with an ease and clearness which the coal-owners had not shown. But the real interest in the meeting came when members, well accustomed to the terror of the heckling process themselves, had an opportunity of putting someone else through it. The fun became so fascinating that they were still at it long after the House had risen. Near the end it produced Mr. Hodges' famous declaration of a readiness to negotiate a temporary settlement on the question of wages (the word till that moment taboo to the miners), waving all other matters over for subsequent negotiation.

MIDNIGHT CALL TO THE PREMIER.

To the credit of the private members it may be said that they at once appreciated the change Mr. Hodges' statement produced in the situation. They insisted on the Prime Minister knowing of it before they slept. Mr. Marriot, who presided over both meetings, headed a deputation to Downing Street, and he had with him Captain Elliott, Captain Coote, both of whom had been conspicuous in heckling Mr. Hodges. Mr. Leslie Scott and Mr. Percy Hurd—all new members, be it noted. Mr. Lloyd George was incredulous when he heard what he was told of the new offer, and reserved judgment till the morning. The information seemed too good to be true.

The little band of members concerned are amused at an attempt which has been made to represent them as heaven-born statesmen teaching Ministers their business. They rather feel like the small boy who lands a difficult fish that had defied an experienced and skilled angler, armed with all the appliances of his art, though it may be admitted that they are proud of their achievement, which they rightly attribute to a happy accident—the chance invitation to Mr. Hodges to address the meeting at the House.

THE END OF THE CHAPTER.

The rest of the story is soon told. It lies in a nutshell. On the following day, when the Triple Alliance assembled for the daily conference, Mr. Hodges reported his offer, made the night before "off his own bat," as it then appeared, and on the instant there were howls of exclamation from the extremists in the assembly irrespective of the branch of the Triple Alliance to which each belonged. The outcry was fiercest from the miners. "He exceeded his brief," they shouted in unison. There was something like an uproar for a couple of hours, till at last a vote was taken by the miners, and Mr. Hodges' proposal was rejected by the narrow margin of two votes. This meant that the Miners' Federation still refused to discuss wages. They still insisted on the principle of the Pool being conceded before anything else was considered.

Thereafter the *debâcle* came suddenly and swiftly so far as concerned the continued existence of the Triple Alliance as a menace to the national life. The railwaymen and the transport workers at the conference declared that they could no longer give their support to the "orphaned gentlemen below ground with the pick and shovel who were so insistent on wages that they came out on strike to the incalculable loss and damage of the community, yet refused to discuss wages till they had got their own terms on paper." In other words, the Pool, involving State control and State assistance, and leading eventually to the nationalisation of the coal-mining industry.

The railwaymen (glad in their hearts at the chance of escape) announced that they were finished with their friends, and that the strike was off. And in this way ended the Triple Alliance attack against the nation, to the relief of everybody except, of course, the miners, who are sadder if not wiser men after their experience.

THE IMPORTANT GAIN.

It should like to be able to record that at the moment of writing the trouble has had a happy ending, as the story books have it in the final chapter; but this is not the case. The happy ending cannot be recorded till the miners are back at work, and the public have to wait till that stage is reached. But at least one important point has been reached. The Triple Alliance has crashed to the ground under its own weight the moment an attempt was made to put it in motion. Animated by political rather than industrial aims, the Triple Alliance has justified the description of it as a shrewd endearing to lift himself by the seat of his trousers. It was designed by some of its most active spirits as a menace to the social and economic fabric, and it has been definitely defeated by the good sense of the great mass of the people of the country, including the rank and file of British Trade Unionists.—H.B.

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BONUSES FOR BABIES.

NEW FRENCH LAW.

The law granting birth bonuses came into operation on May 1st. For Paris, 400f. will be paid on the birth of a third child, and this bonus will be increased by 50f. for every child born afterwards until the family of children numbers ten. The bonus will then be 750f., and will remain at this figure. It is the Mayor of each Arrondissement who will pay the bonus, which will be given to the mother, and, in default, to the father. No matter what the social status of the families may be, the bonuses will be paid. They are national bonuses, and not charitable doles.

While the authorities, anxious to improve the birth-rate, are offering generous encouragement, it is felt that they are occupying themselves with the "birds," rather than with the "nests." The housing question in Paris is a very serious one. Undoubtedly there would be more marriages if more flats were to be had. Though the population of the city has increased very little since the last census, there are considerably more *menages*. Statistics for 1920 show that there were then a little under 54,000, while in 1913 there were fewer than 39,000. There are, therefore, nearly 22,000 more families for whom accommodation has to be found. There is little or no house-building in Paris. While authority to build was given in 2,000 cases in 1919, the authorizations in 1919 were only 900. In 1919 22,000,000f. was spent in providing additional housing accommodation, but in 1919 only a little over a million francs was expended. A rent which was 700f. in 1913 is now 1,518f. The difficulty of marriageable girls is not only to find men, but to find homes.

FREEMASONRY.

Greatly extended benefits have been decided upon in connection with the educational charities of English Freemasonry. At the General Courts of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, the half-yearly ballots, due in April, were rendered unnecessary, all approved candidates being admitted without a contest. Thus twenty-eight girls and fifty-seven boys have been admitted without ballot during the present year. These figures hardly represent the full extent of the increase, inasmuch as the laws of the girls' school allow of the admission of candidates on nomination alone. Sixteen such admissions have taken place within the last five weeks. Up to the present 988 pupils have received the benefits of the girls' school on nomination alone, and these are quite distinct from the special war nominations, of which 400 are already established. It is not alone in number that the girls' institution has advanced its benefits. The limit for out-cation of girls up to the age of 17 has been raised from £35 to £50 per annum; the limit of grants to deserving pupils after they left the institution has been raised, the general committee now having authority to appropriate a sum of £40, or even £50, if it is thought such a grant would be the means of a girl securing permanent provision for herself. The annual appropriation for the higher education of pupils has been increased from £200 to £1,000, and the annual grant for three years for University College, or university training, has been raised from £150 to £200. Out-education and maintenance grant limits have been raised so as to allow £25, £30, and £40 a year each for girls under 9, 12, and 15 years respectively—an advance of £10 a year in each case. Concurrently with these advances the institution has raised the fees at which it is prepared to admit paying pupils.

A SERMON.

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As long as daisies don't complain The whole world's not a daisy-chain, Or flaunting tropic birds condemn To ridicule the sober hen; As long as each with its own shape Is satisfied—not tries to ape Another's. When the crow puts on The peacock's plumage, his charm is gone!

With o'-the-Wisp, though shining bright, Won't keep your kitchen fire alight; Tamed wolves are not domestic cats, Nor Fauns less Fauns for bowler-hats, Let neither Faun nor Saint reprove Others for different ways of love, Life and delight. There's room for wings

Add feet for wine and water-springs; For things that walk and things that dance, For Iceland and the South of France, For lake and village-pump and sea; For You—but also room for Me.

MARGARET SACKVILLE

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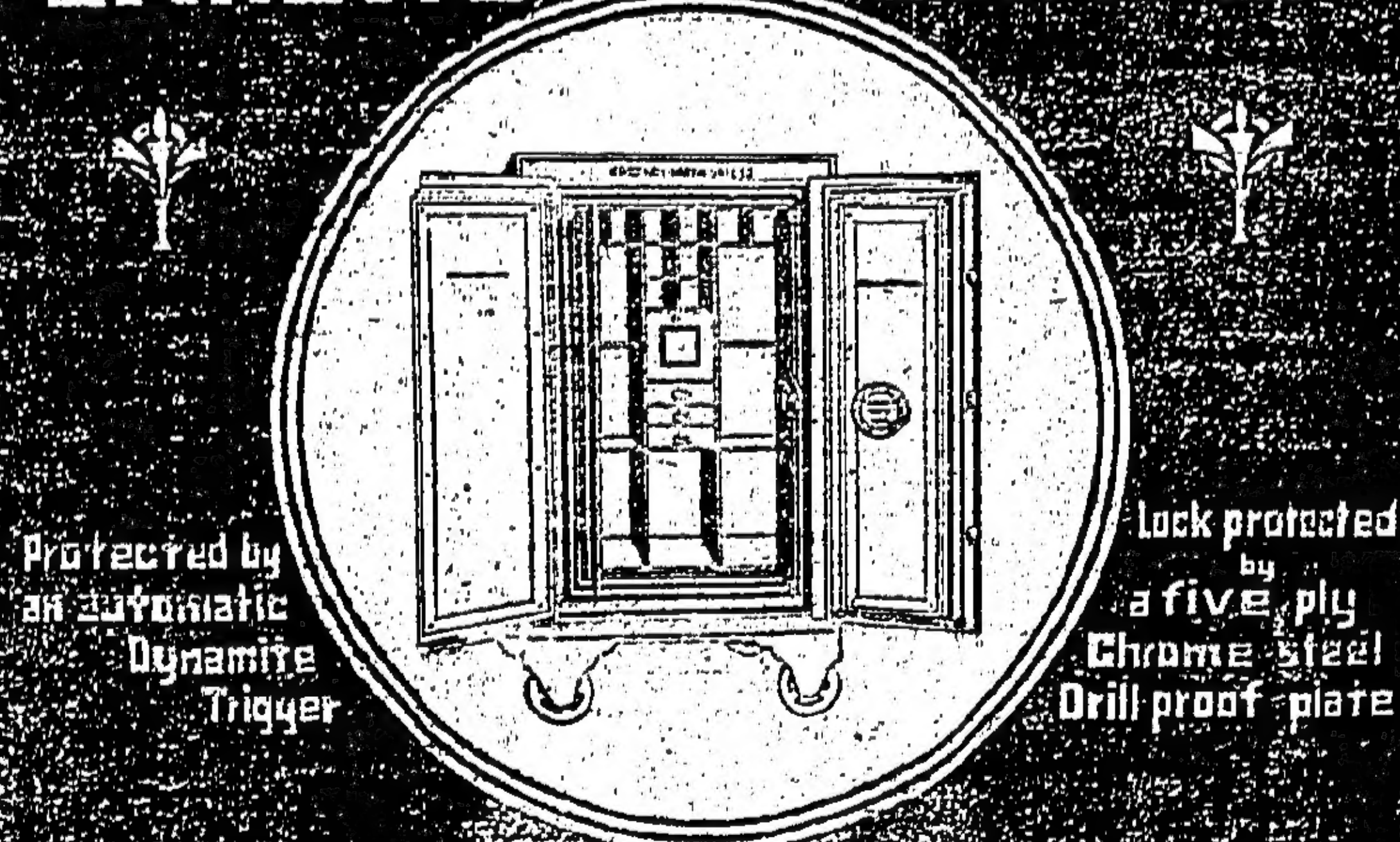
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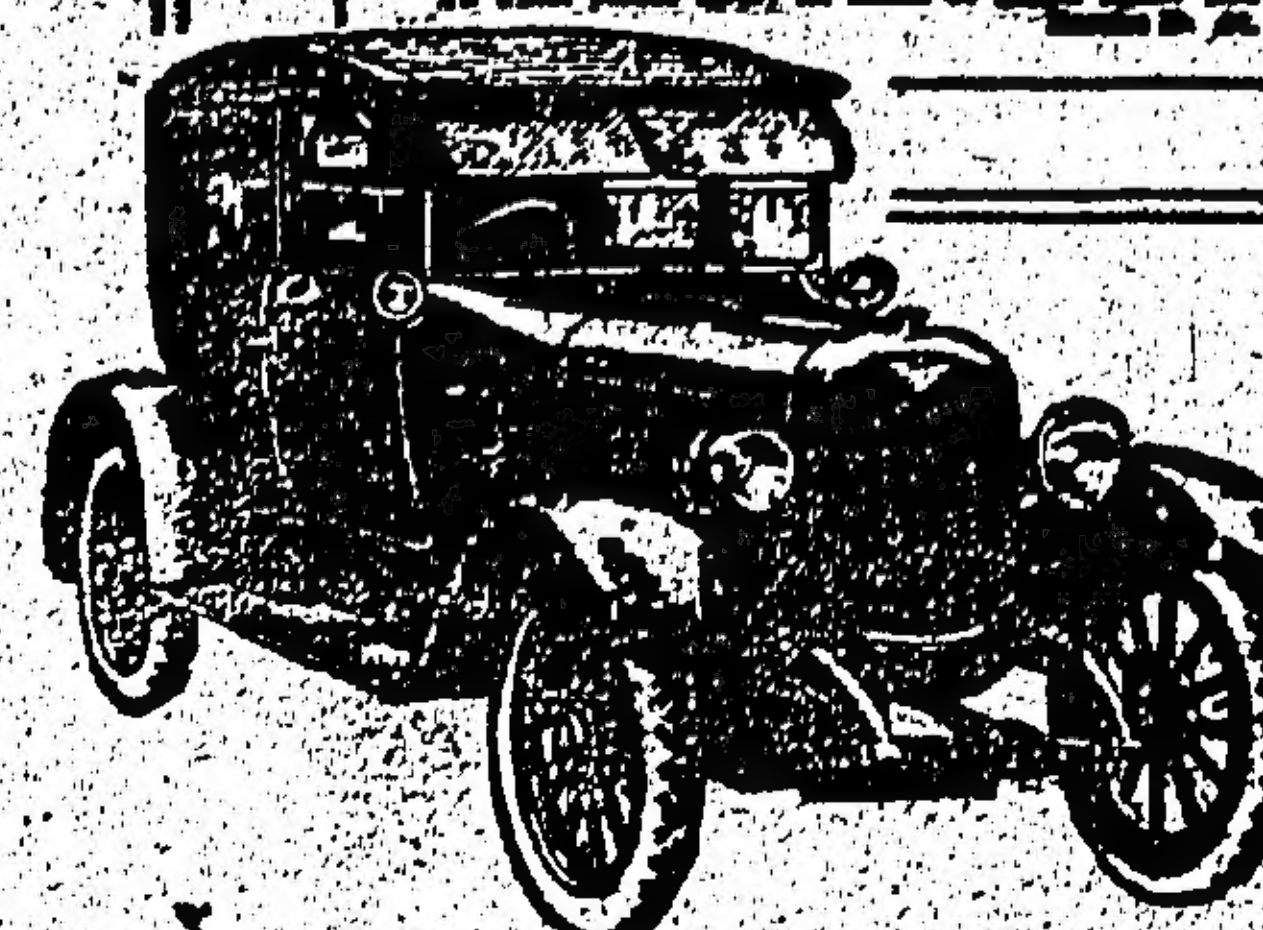
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